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Excise Officers Issue 86 Tickets in Bloomington this Weekend

BLOOMINGTON (March 26) – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited 55 people on 86 charges this weekend in Bloomington.

Excise officers working on and around Indiana University March 22-24 issued 41 tickets for illegal possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol. Eleven people were cited for possession of false IDs, two of which were also cited for minor in tavern or liquor store.

Eleven people were charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor or aiding a minor to possess alcohol. Two people were arrested on drug-related charges. One adult and one minor were jailed for public intoxication. One minor was also arrested for resisting law enforcement.

Additionally, excise police cited around two dozen people for a variety of other offenses, including giving a false age to an alcohol business and various traffic violations.

On one traffic stop Friday night, officers seized more than \$450.00 of alcoholic beverages purchased by an 18-year-old at Bloomington North Liquors. Samuel Kreisberg, 18, of East Hills, N.Y., was preliminarily charged with illegal possession of alcohol, possession of false ID and minor entering liquor store. The driver of Kreisberg's vehicle, Oliver Simes, 18, of Long Grove, Ill., was preliminarily charged with illegal transportation of alcohol and possession of false ID.

Officers seized a total of 270 cans of Natural Light beer, three 1.75L bottles of Grey Goose Vodka, three 750mL bottles of Martini & Rossi Wine and one 750mL bottle of Moet & Chandon Imperial Champagne from Kreisberg.

The excise officers were in Bloomington this weekend as part of their Intensified College Enforcement (ICE) initiative, which puts extra officers on patrol in Bloomington, Greencastle and Muncie. ICE was launched Feb. 6 as a pilot project aimed at reducing underage drinking at Ball State University, DePauw University and Indiana University-Bloomington.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on enforcing Indiana's alcohol and tobacco statutes.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.